## Term 1, Week 9

**Monday, 24/3**
- P&C Meeting – 7.30pm

**Tuesday, 25/3**
- Art Around the Library (4-6)

**Wednesday, 26/3**
- Musica Viva – Datiwuy Dreaming 2-3pm
- School Banking

**Thursday, 27/3**
- **Sausage Sizzle – Class 2R** due to excursion tomorrow
- Assembly – 2.05pm – 2/3 to host

**Friday, 28/3**
- K-2 – Field of Mars – Living Things excursion
- PSSA v’s Boronia Park @ Meadowbank Park
- NO SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- Mathletics Parents’ Workshop – 2.15-3.00pm

## Term 1, Week 10

**Monday, 31/3**
- Parent Teacher Interviews

**Tuesday, 1/4**
- Incursion – K-2 Pet Safety 9-12noon

**Wednesday, 2/4**
- School Banking

**Thursday, 3/4**
- Tuckertime – Class 2 R

**Friday, 4/4**
- PSSA – Winter Sport - R1 – Meadowbank Park

## Term 1, Week 11

**Monday, 7/4**
- P&C Easter Mufti Day Donation of contribution to Easter Hampers.

**Wednesday, 9/4**
- Ryde Schools Spectacular Choir Rehearsals – Ryde Civic Centre

**Thursday, 10/4**
- Hot Cross Bun Drive – Tuckertime –
- Assembly – 2.05pm – Yr 2R

**Friday, 11/4**
- Anzac Day Service – 10.50am – Community welcome
- Sausage Sizzle – Class 1 O parents to assist
- PSSA – Meadowbank Park
- **LAST DAY OF TERM 1**

**Saturday, 12/4**
- West Ryde Street Parade/Fair – 9-11am

## Term 2, Week 1

**TUESDAY 29th APRIL**

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### Sausage Sizzle is on Thursday this week!

#### Parent Workshop

**Mathletics**

Would you like to find out about the Mathletics program that your child uses at school? Would you like to find out how you can support your child at home using Mathletics?

Come along to a great parent workshop

**When:** This Friday 28th March
**Where:** ICT Room
**Time:** 2.15 – 3.00pm
**Who:** All welcome
**Presenter:** Duncan from 3P Learning

Duncan will answer your queries and demonstrate the successful Mathletics program.

### Principal’s Report

#### Parent Teacher Interview

As a commitment to providing regular feedback to parents regarding student progress, Term 1 Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for the fortnight beginning Monday 31st March. Notes were sent home last week requesting interview times. If you have not sent back your interview sheet to your child’s class teacher please do so as teachers will confirm times by the end of the week. Interviews are scheduled to last 15 minutes.

#### PSSA

This Friday is the last week of tball and softball before the winter recess. The competition will recommence in September.

The winter competition of the Ryde Zone PSSA will commence on Friday 4th April at Meadowbank Oval. Trials for netball and soccer teams have begun and will continue throughout the week.
In Netball, a Senior B and Junior B team will enter the competition. The Senior Boys soccer competition will be played on a full sized field with a full complement of players.

New for 2014 the Junior Boys will play a 7 a side game. Melrose Park will enter both a Junior A and Junior B team. This year the school will enter a girls 7 a side team in the competition. While the girls have not played soccer before, the team will play with enthusiasm, passion and a will to improve each game.

We need your help. If there are parents who are able to volunteer either to train netball or soccer teams before school we would love to hear from you. If there are any parents who could act as team managers for the netball or soccer please come and let us know. Teachers are required to umpire games and we require managers to supervise students at the oval.

**West Ryde St Fair**

On Saturday 12th April the annual West Ryde St Fair and Parade is being planned and organised. This a fun morning where students dress in their sports uniform and meet at Miriam Park, West Ryde around 9.00am. With other schools and organisations we walk/parade through the streets of West Ryde meeting the Fair stalls at Taffa’s Hardware. There, judging for the best creative Easter hat, a brightly decorated a scooter/ bike / pram will occur for cash prizes for both the school and individuals. All up, the time commitment is about 2 hours. For the last two years the school has won $500 while with other students have taken home great prizes.

**ICAS competitions**

Students have an opportunity to challenge themselves in the 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Australian Students ( ICAS ) in Mathematics, English, Science and Computing. These competitions are held throughout Term 2 and Term 3 for students in Years 3 -6. Students can enter all four competitions or individual papers depending on interest. The competitions challenge the brightest students and are encouraged to enter to do their personal best. An entry form is attached.

**Communications**

Like to receive your newsletter each week? Send an email to the school address; melrosepk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and we will send you the newsletter straight into your inbox. There is no worry that you will not receive the weekly information from the school.

**School Expectations**

Be Responsible

Being Responsible can be applied to punctuality, being at school with time to spare, being on time for lines and being ready for lessons to begin.

Students arriving to school with time to spare have the luxury of settling in to the day ahead, having a play and focusing their minds on the lessons to come. They have all the time they need to literally and figuratively wake up.

If showing up late to school becomes a habit, students may develop the notion that tardiness is acceptable behaviour. This belief can negatively impact their future work ethic and employment opportunities. Alternatively, showing up on time to school every day, being on time for lines can help students develop the habit of being punctual with important commitments.

This fortnight teachers will focus on improving punctuality and preparedness around the school.

**Clare Kristensen**

Principal

**Principal’s Award for Book Work**

The following children will be receiving a Principal Award at this week’s assembly:

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**P&C Report**

**Easter Raffle and Mufti Day**

Each year we run an Easter Raffle, as part of this the P&C runs a mufti day. This will be on **Monday 7th April**.

The penalty for wearing mufti is to bring in an item for the Easter Hamper such as a chocolate egg, bunny, small packet of eggs etc, it does not need to be chocolate so long as it is Easter themed like colouring book, stuffed bunny rabbit etc.
Prizes for the East Raffle are
- Family Pass to the Easter Show
- Arnotts Hamper (donated by Chantel Latu)
- Subsequent prizes will be the hampers.
The raffle will be drawn on **Friday 11th April**. All tickets will need to be returned by **Thursday 10th April**. You will find your tickets attached to today’s newsletter.

**Please ensure you write your name on each ticket** (as some ticket numbers will be duplicated).

*** Please return any unused tickets

If you have any coloured paper (for shredding) that you are able to donate for the hamper making, please leave in the office by **Friday 4th April**.

** Helpers Needed**
- I will need people to help me on **Monday 7th April** in the Canteen from 9am to put the hampers together for the raffle. This will only take about 1 hour.
- I will need volunteers on **Friday 4th April @ 12 noon**, to put the cookie dough tubs into orders. Please let me know if you can help.

**Cookie Dough Fundraiser**
The delivery date will be **4th April** – times for collection to be confirmed for the afternoon, I am just waiting confirmation of delivery time. A note will be sent home next week to each family that ordered.

**Fresh Coffee On Sale**
Every Thursday morning 8.40am – 9.30am we have Marion and Danielle in the canteen selling fresh coffee for $3.00, this can be drunk in the canteen or we have the take away option. Also have available to purchase used books for 50c. Look out for the sign in the playground for other random days they may sell coffee.

If anyone is interested in learning how to make the coffees please see Marion or Danielle D, you are welcome to learn and sell coffee on a different day in the canteen.

**Sausage Sizzle**
The next Sausage Sizzle will be **this Thursday 27th March** due to excursion on Friday and **2/3** will be the host (sorry wrong class put in last weeks newsletter).

If you are able to help on this day, please leave a message in the office for Yasmin Adami/Mick West or contact - Yasmin on 0432 420 628.

If you have not placed a term order please contact me via email.

**P&C Meeting**
The next P&C meetings for Term 2 will be on **Monday 5th May** and **Monday 2nd June**.

**School Banking**
Don’t forget this is on Wednesday Morning from 8.30am.

**Facebook**
The P&C has a Facebook page that gets regular updates; follow us on Melrose Park PS P&C. If there are any changes to events or school requirements they will be updated on the page.

**Dates to Remember for Term 1:**
- 4th April – Helpers needed to sort Cookie Dough Orders
- 7th April Monday – Mufti Day, Easter hamper donation, Helpers needed 9am Canteen to make hampers
- 10th April – Raffle tickets due back
- 11th April Friday – Easter Raffle Drawn (last day of school)
- 12th April Saturday – West Ryde Street Fair

**Deborah Riley**
President
Mobile – 0414 540 430
Email – melroseparkpc@hotmail.com
Facebook: Melrose Park PS P&C (regular updates)

**Uniform Shop**
Have you tried on your child/children’s winter uniform yet? Don’t leave it to the last minute.

The uniform shop is open Monday & Thursday mornings 8:45 - 9:15 and we have just stocked up on all your winter uniform needs. Come & see us and get your child/children ready for Term 2.

If you can’t make it into the uniform shopping these days simply fill in an order form and enclose payment or deposit into the P&C bank account and we can fill the order and send then uniforms home with your child.

**Thea Gange**
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
Years 5 & 6 enjoyed a wonderful experience at the BirdLife Discovery Centre at Sydney Olympic Park

Thank you to our SRC for organising safe parking for all the bikes, scooters and skateboards on Ride2School day last week.
☐ My child/ren is/are available and willing to participate in the West Ryde St Fair on Saturday 12 April.

☐ My child/ren will not be available on Saturday 12th April

☐ My child/ren is/are interested but cannot make a firm commitment at this stage

Name/s: ___________________________________________ Class/es ______________

Parent’s Name: ______________________________________

ICAS Competitions – Open to students in Years 3 to 6

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You can go online and prepare for ICAS at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

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